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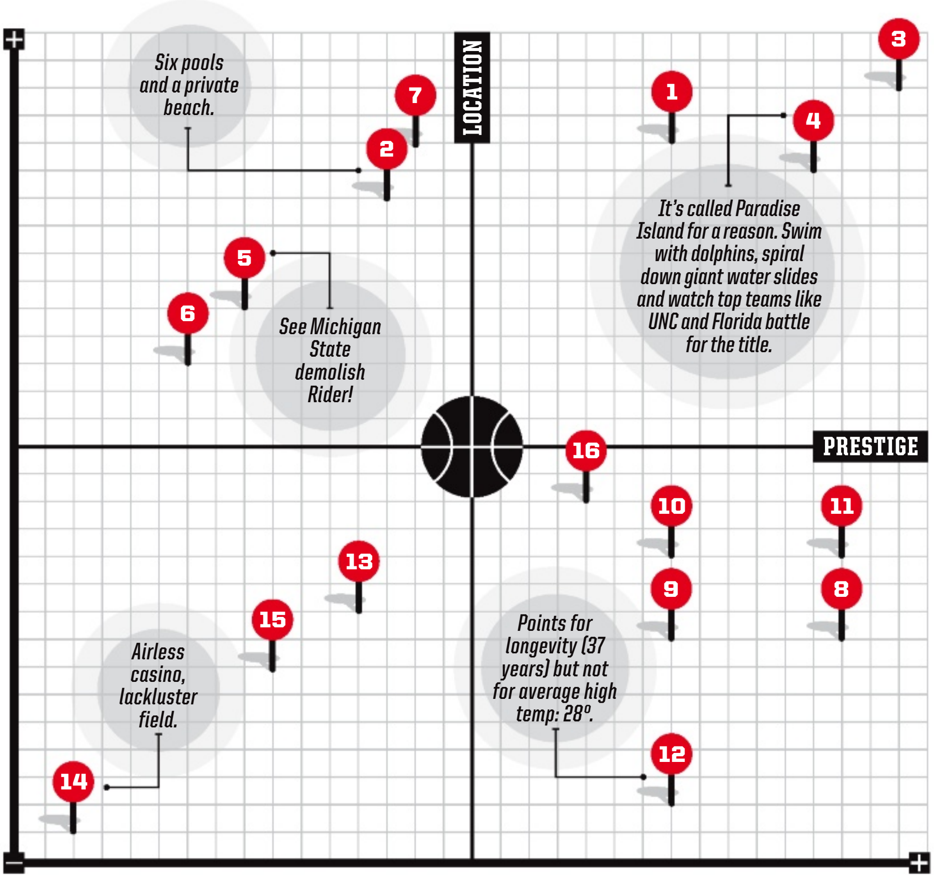
Shows on the Road

'Tis the season for college hoops teams to leave their campuses behind, some for exotic locations and others . . . not so much. Based on quality of teams and scenery, here is SI's ranking of the key tournaments



1 / San Juan: *Puerto Rico Tip-off*

2 / Mexico: *Cancun Challenge*

3 / Hawaii: *Maui Invitational*

4 / The Bahamas: *Battle 4 Atlantis*

5 / Florida: *Orlando Classic*

6 / Fort Myers, Fla.: *Gulf Coast Showcase*

7 / St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands: *Paradise Jam*

8 / Brooklyn: *Legends Classic*

9 / Brooklyn: *Coaches vs. Cancer Classic*

10 / Manhattan: *2K Sport Classic Benefitting Wounded Warrior Project*

11 / Manhattan: *NIT Season Tip-off*

12 / Anchorage: *Great Alaska Shootout*

13 / South Carolina: *Charleston Classic*

14 / Uncasville, Conn.: *Hall of Fame Tip-off*

15 / Kansas City, Mo.: *CBE Hall of Fame Classic*

16 / Las Vegas: *MGM Grand Main Event*

THEY SAID IT +

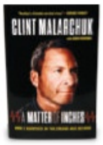
"It's all about my swag."

Nick Young Lakers guard explaining his in-game "presence." After Young returned from a torn ligament in his right thumb, L.A., which started 1–9, won two straight games.

BOOKS /

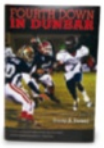
Tweetable Reviews

Four new releases in 140 characters or less



A Matter Of Inches
by Clint Malarchuk with Dan Robson

Former goalie's extreme tale of near death after a skate to the throat, which wasn't even the worst of his travails. *#obsession-depression*



Fourth Down in Dunbar
by David A. Dorsey

Probing history of a poor, drug-riddled Florida neighborhood that cranks out NFLers, from Prime Time to Sammy Watkins. *#football=hope?*

Jeter Unfiltered
by Derek Jeter; photos by Christopher Anderson

Insider photos chronicle Jeets' final year in pinstripes, with captions by the captain on everything from exercise to Ichiro. *#artyselfpromo*

Rozelle
by Jerry Izenberg

Well-paced, detailed account of the man who made the NFL–modern sports–what they are today. How would he have handled Ray Rice? *#commish*

SCOTT CUNNINGHAM/NBAE/GETTY IMAGES (YOUNG)

BIG TIME Although he was an unheralded player from a small school, Stallworth still holds two Super Bowl receiving records.

WALTER IOOSS JR./SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

perspective on things not many people have, and it's a great benefit for us to have somebody like that inside the room."

For instance, he's brought insight to the question of an expanded schedule. "There's been some talk about 18 regular-season games, and I let it be known I think that's crazy," Stallworth says. "That's the player part of me coming out. I'm thinking how my body felt after 14 games."

STALLWORTH IS more ex-player than owner when he shows up for the Steelers' home game against the Ravens on Nov. 2. Pittsburgh receiver Antonio Brown, with whom Stallworth has developed a close relationship, catches 11 passes—three games' worth for Stallworth, who in 165 career games amassed 537 catches for 8,723 yards and 63 touchdowns in the run-heavy 1970s and '80s. But Stallworth is not on hand to marvel at Brown, he is there to help honor his former teammate Mean Joe Greene, who is having his number 75 retired. When Stallworth became part-owner, Greene was working in the Steelers' front office. Greene looked quizzically at his old teammate and said, "Do I have to call you Boss now?"

Stallworth laughs as he recalls the moment while sitting in the conference room at Genesis II two mornings after the Round Table. He wears a gray long-sleeve T-shirt and warmup pants that show how remarkably fit he remains and prompts the comment he frequently hears: "You look like you could still play." His stock reply: "I tell myself I have one play left. And I don't want to go out and prove that wrong." ◻

He also joined with Bobby Bradley, a family friend and the founder of Computer Systems Technology, to form Genesis II, a holding company that would control their investments, business development plans and charity work. For Stallworth that meant focusing on the John Stallworth Foundation, which has sponsored the Round Table since 2012 and, since '02, a celebrity golf tournament in Huntsville attended by former Steelers such as Harris, Swann, Mel Blount, Donnie Shell and the Dolphins' Dwight Stephenson.

The foundation has provided more than $350,000 in scholarship aid to some 135 students attending Alabama A&M and other schools. Says Stallworth, "The money we give to the kids, that changes them. That really excites me. I'm honored to be in a position to do that. I want to be able to look back and say we've been able to help some folks."

"John is a quiet leader," says Huntsville mayor Tommy Battle. "He tries to stay out of the forefront, but he is one of those people when they move through this community, they make a difference."

Stallworth continues to work at Genesis II, but in 2009 the Steelers threw another opportunity his way, and of course he caught it. Dan Rooney, the Steelers' chairman, asked Stallworth if he wanted to buy part of the team. The ex-player admitted that he first had to come to grips with seeing football from the boardroom instead of the locker room. "I know what I felt was important to me as a player and to players around the league," Stallworth says. "Would I have to junk all of that now to exist in that [owner's] box?"

Ultimately he decided he could help strike a balance between the two, and became one of the few former NFL players to own a stake in a team. "It's great to have him be a sounding board, particularly on things that affect players and retired players," Steelers president Art Rooney II says. "He obviously has a

Words with…

Jerry Kill

Minnesota's football coach is working his turnaround magic with the Golden Gophers, and doing so while battling epilepsy

BY L. JON WERTHEIM

Photograph by
JESSE JOHNSON/USA TODAY SPORTS

→ *Minnesota was once a college football powerhouse—the school claims seven national championships from 1904 to '60. Alas, it's been almost a half century since the Gophers have won even a Big Ten title.*

But after winning eight games last season for the first time since 2003, Minnesota is 8–3 heading into Saturday's regular-season finale at Wisconsin. And yet the happiest aspect of the season might be the improved health of fourth-year coach Jerry Kill. Diagnosed with epilepsy in 2005, Kill has suffered numerous seizures; last season they caused him to leave one game in the third quarter and miss all of another. His assistants have developed a "seizure protocol" in which they divide up his responsibilities until he is back at full strength.

The 53-year-old Kill hasn't had a seizure in more than a year. He spoke recently with SPORTS ILLUSTRATED *about his season, his health and his future.*

What do you like best about your team this year?
They've been relentless. They've done what we've asked them to do. We've still got work to do. But we're getting better, and that's all we want to do: When you're building a program, just get better.

Your health is also better. What do you attribute that to?
A lot of it has to do with the medication I'm on, making sure I get sleep, eating right and having the right mixture of drugs that you have to take. I've been blessed.

What's been the biggest adjustment?
The sleep that you get. With recruiting year-round, you're going all the time. So you really don't have much time to get any rest.

I have trouble sleeping because my wheels are always turning. That's just how I'm wired. So I've really had to work at trying to get sleep. I was getting probably two or three hours of sleep a night for eight years, which is not good for anybody.

Was there a time when you said, I love football, but maybe I should look at career 2.0?

BEAST

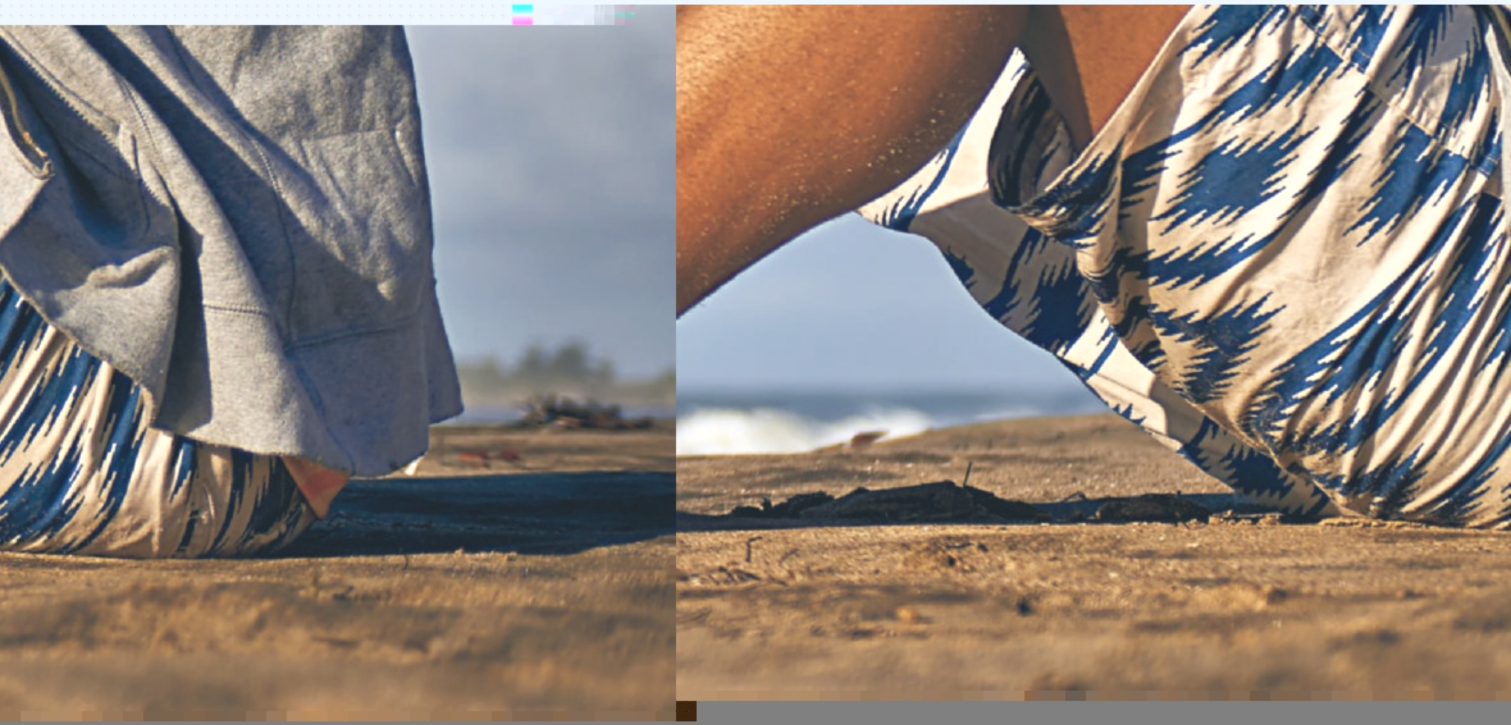
When he's not translating wedding ceremonies into Spanish or roaming the Pacific coastline, the most productive big man in the country, UC Santa Barbara's **ALAN WILLIAMS**, patrols the paint with monstrous intensity

BY LUKE WINN

Photograph by
Kevin Steele
For Sports Illustrated

LONG BEFORE Alan Williams became the most productive big man in college basketball, he was the most affordable wedding translator in Phoenix. His father, the Honorable Cody Williams, justice of the peace for the city's South Mountain district, opens his downtown courtroom each day after 5 p.m. to officiate marriages. The court's fee is $80, and because this is the most enjoyable part of Cody's job—as opposed to small-claims suits, evictions or DUIs—he tries to give the happy couples their money's worth. A hulking, 6' 6" former college basketball player with a booming voice and disarming manner, Cody cautions that the doors and windows have been sealed and electrified, so it's too late to get cold feet; he gives tender speeches about commitment; and when his boys, Cody and Alan, were in middle and high school, he would often have them act as assistants, with all three wearing matching black robes.

This was how the Williams boys earned their spending money. They sweated through 18 weddings in three hours on a New Year's Eve in 2009. Dad gave one son or the other a $10 cut for taking pictures or filling out the marriage license, and $40 if the wedding party wanted a Spanish translation—a common request in Phoenix, but not a duty of the court. Cody would do his lines: *The two of you now embark on a journey, a journey filled with joy and wonderment and love;* Alan or young Cody, standing beside him, would follow with their version: *Ustedes dos embarcan en un paseo, un paseo lleno de amor, felicidad y afecto mutuo.* The brothers were not native speakers but they were fluent, and in the event they forgot a word they would refer to sheets of loose-leaf notebook paper, on which they had written their Spanish script.

Cody and his wife, Jeri, both prominent African-American public servants—he the state's only elected black justice, and she, until 2011, an assistant chief of the Phoenix Police Department—saw the city's demographic trajectory and believed their sons would benefit from a language immersion school that alternated its elementary and junior high semesters